

REMARKS

In the Official Action of May 20, 2005, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between two allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Group I, referring to claims 1-5, drawn to a video processing apparatus comprising storage means for allocating addresses to said video data input by said input means in an ascending order and storing said video data and reading means for reading out said video data stored in said storage means in the ascending order of the addresses; and

Group II, referring to claims 6-13, drawn to a video processing apparatus for decoding a video stream having a layer structure constructed by a sequence layer, a GOP layer, a picture layer, a slice layer, a macro block layer and a block layer.

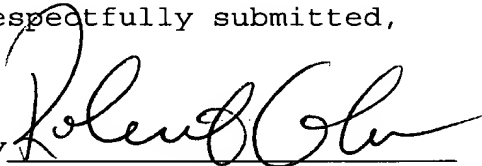
The Examiner has contended that the inventions of Group I and Group II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under the applicable PCT regulations because the invention of Group I lacks the corresponding special technical features of Sequence_Header information predicting means for predicting Sequence_Header information on the basis of information which certainly appears in a picture and decoding means for decoding video data by using the information predicted by said Header information predicting means when said Sequence_Header is not detected, as required in the invention of Group II; and that the invention of Group II lacks the storage means for allocating addresses to said video data inputted by said input means in an ascending order and storing said video data and reading means for reading out said video data stored in said storage means in the ascending order of the addresses, as required by the invention of Group I.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-5, for further prosecution in this application. Accordingly, claims 6-13 stand withdrawn from consideration in the present application without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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